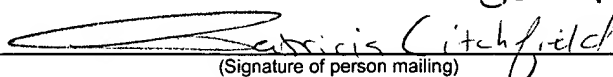


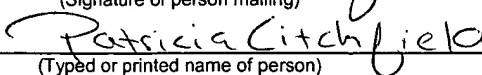
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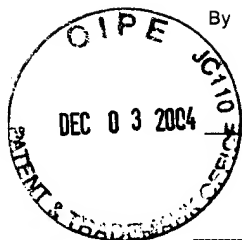
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the non-Final Office Action (a rejection) dated June 30, 2004 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended two (2) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the comments and traversal which follow.

No amendments have currently been made to the claims, the status of each claim being shown as the Section starting on the next separate page: